



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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The Honorable Ben Grumbles, Secretary
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Dear Secretary Grumbles:

On July 27, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a revision to the Maryland State Implementation Plan (SIP) from the Maryland Department of the Environment pertaining to Maryland's State of Maryland 0.075 ppm 8-Hour Ozone Nitrogen Oxide Reasonably Available Control Technology (NOx RACT) State Implementation Plan for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) (SIP Revision #18-04). EPA has determined that the submittal is administratively and technically complete, and is reviewing it to prepare a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) action.

By this letter, EPA is also acknowledging that Maryland's May 15, 2018 submittal pertaining to new Chapter COMAR 26.11.40 - NOx Ozone Season Emission Caps for Non-trading Large NOx Units and amendments to Regulation .01 under COMAR 26.11.01 and to Regulation .07 under COMAR 26.11.14 (SIP Revision #18-03) is administratively and technically complete. On August 8, 2018 (83 FR 39014), EPA proposed to fully approve SIP Number 18-03.

This letter acknowledges that these submittals correct the deficiency identified in EPA's February 3, 2017 findings notice of failure to submit these certain RACT requirements for the 2008 ozone NAAQS (82 FR 9158), specifically as it relates to the requirement for NOx RACT for Major Stationary Sources.

Therefore, the sanctions clock triggered by the findings for this area is turned off by this determination that EPA has found this 2008 ozone NAAQS RACT and Emission Caps for Non-trading Large NOx Units submittals complete, pursuant to the requirements for determining plan completeness under 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix V.

If members of your staff have any questions regarding SIP Number 18-03 they may direct them to Marilyn Powers, Office of Air Program Planning, at 215-814-2308, or at powers.marilyn@epa.gov; she is the principal contact for this rulemaking. If members of your staff have any questions regarding SIP Number 18-04, they may direct them to Christopher

Cripps, Office of Air Program Planning, at (215) 814-2179, or at cripps.christopher@epa.gov; he is the principal contact for this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CF', is positioned above the printed name.

Cristina Fernandez, Director
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cc: Mr. George (Tad) S. Aburn, Director, Air & Radiation Administration
Mr. Brian Hug, Manager, Air Quality Planning Program

